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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Monroe's Monmouth Road Project Moves Forward with State Funding**

**MONROE** – Monroe Township recently received final approval for a \$310,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant, advancing pedestrian and roadway improvements along Monmouth Road between First and Cornell avenues, near Mill Lake Elementary School.

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Monroe Township Council will vote on a resolution to authorize a contract for the project's design and construction.

"This is a critical project for our community and I'm happy to see it moving forward so swiftly," said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "Monmouth Road runs adjacent to our Community Center. It's also a crossroad between other major thoroughfares, making it a highly trafficked route and a pressing matter that requires our attention."

The scope of work on Monmouth Road should include roadway restoration, as well as milling, paving, minor drainage improvements, crosswalk construction, sidewalk replacement and the installation of concrete curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant curb ramps, detectable warning surfaces, crosswalks and signage.

"Aside from providing direct access to Mill Lake Elementary School, Monmouth Road is also a conduit for our Community Center, which serves as both an emergency shelter and as a hub for any number of our recreational activities," said Monroe Councilwoman Miriam Cohen. "So this project factors in pretty high on our list of priorities."

Township officials anticipate that construction on Monmouth Road will run through 2018.

This year, the NJDOT's municipal aid grant program received 628 applications from a pool of communities seeking a sum total exceeding \$270 million.

The agency directs statewide assistance to local governments for improvements and preservation on their respective transportation networks.

This grant program taps into approximately \$78.75 million from the Transportation Trust Fund.

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